(iii) Promotion of fuel efficient practices and equipment etc in the industrial sector.

(iv) Adoption of practices conducive to increased fuel efficiency and training programmes in the transport sector.

(v) Standardisation of fuel efficient rigation pumpsets and recti-ficat or of existing pumpsets in the agricultural sector, etc.

(c) and (d) Government have im-plement a number of schemes for* conseivation of Petroleum products. They include replacement of low efficient urnices with higher efficient j ones, use of better pumps to reduce leakage of petroleum products, im- I provesnert in gas flare management, use of efficient machineries, design] and marketing of efficient LPG7Kero-sene stoves, setting up of model garages iin STUs. sponsoring of R&D projects, etc.

(e) The likely expenditure on the implementation of these methods j would depend on a number of factors such as technology and operational practices, capacity of the units and the awareness level etc. of the oil consuming units.

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*797. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two day Finance Ministers' Conference of the eighteen member countries of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation was held at Bali in Indonesia in mid April, 1995; and

(b) what specific issues were discussed and what decisions were taken to develop and strengthen ecortwtny of the coun-tries in the region, besides agreements on mutual economic cooperation and trade?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The APEC Finance Ministers' meeting in Bali, Indonesia from April 15-16. 1995 discussed issues relating to the impact of recent economic developments in each of the APEC economies; efforts to encourage capital flows into APEC member economies; the effects of exchange rate movements on trade and investment in member economies pursuing macro-economic stability and balance; and the importance of funding infrastructure development in the region to sustain non-inflationary growth towards the 21st century. The Finance Ministers' meeting resolved to pursue trade and investment liberalisation, cooperation and facilitation in the overall APEC region.

Rana Gas fields

*798. SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA:

SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the blow out in the oil well at Pasarlapudi in Andhra Pradesh, the joint venture company of Austrailia has asked the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) to conduct an environmental impact assessment for the Rawa Oil and Gas Fields, coming up in the same State;

(b) whether the studies to be undertaken by NEERI also aim at assessing The existing environmental status of the project area to identify the positive and negative impacts for mitigating the adverse impact;

(c) if so, whether any studies have been made in this regard, so far; and